

REMARKS

Claims 3-10 are allowed and claims 23-26 are rejected.

In response to the rejection of claims 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,970,362 to Chakravorty et al, claims 23-26 have been canceled to thereby place the case in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file a Rule 53(b) Continuation directed to the canceled subject matter.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 3-10 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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